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SUBJ: COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING

1. PRESIDENT BONGO HELD FIRST 1976 MEETING WITH COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS JANUARY 20. COMMUNIQUE MADE PUBLIC NEXT DAY REPORTS  
FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

A. GABON WILL CHANGE DATE FOR CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL HOLIDAY  
BY GABONESE MISSIONS ABROAD FROM INDEPENDENCE DAY, AUGUST 17, TO  
MARCH 12, ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF POLITICAL PARTY, CALLED  
RENOVATION DAY. DECISION TAKEN AT REQUEST OF GABONESE  
AMBASSADORS WHO FOUND THAT AUGUST DATE CONFLICTED WITH VACATIONS.

B. 1972 GABON LAW REQUIRING ALL COMPANIES OPERATING IN GABON TO  
GIVE STATE 10 PERCENT OWNERSHIP MODIFIED TO NOW REQUIRE GOG  
REPRESENTATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)  
AS WELL. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO MADE THAT COMPANIES WHICH HAVE NOT  
YET NEGOTIATED FOR 10 PERCENT. GOG PARTICIPATION HAVE 90 DAYS IN WHICH

TO COMPLY WITH LAW.

C. AGREEMENT GIVEN NEW FRG AMBASSADOR (REPORTED SEPTTEL.

D. GIFT ANNOUNCED TO NEW GOVERNMENT OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE  
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TO BE USED IN FIELD OF RADIO AND TV FOR EDUCATIONAL AND

CULTURAL PURPOSES. NEWS COMMENTATOR CITED AMOUNT OF GIFT  
AS \$500,000.

2. COMMUNIQUE ALSO INCLUDES EXHORTATION BY PRESIDENT BONGO  
TO PUBLIC SERVANTS AND PARTY MEMBERS TO REFORM PERSONAL WORK  
HABITS AND TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT NOT  
SIMPLY TRY TO PROFIT FROM IT. COMMENT: PRESIDENT BONGO IS  
PLACING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON IMPROVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT  
EMPLOYEES' PERFORMANCE IN 1976, THE YEAR TO "RENEW THE  
RENOVATION". EMBASSY IS WITHHOLDING JUDGEMENT AS TO  
SERIOUSNESS OF PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN TO SEE IF OFTEN-THREATENED  
SANCTIONS FOR MISFEASANCE AND CORRUPTION ACTUALLY  
APPLIED. STEIGMAN

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